

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The House passed H.R. 2744, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1194–1205, and S. Res. 163–164. **Page S6225**

Measures Passed:

National Hispanic Media Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, designating June 5 through June 11, 2005, as “National Hispanic Media Week”, in honor of the Hispanic Media of America. **Pages S6240–41**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled “Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 138th Anniversary, 1867–2005.” **Page S6241**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 132), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S6218–19**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S6241**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005. **Page S6241**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 131), Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

Gretchen C. F. Shappert, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Anthony Jerome Jenkins, of Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Stephen Joseph Murphy, III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Philip J. Perry, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S6242**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Richard Smoak, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

26 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes:	Two record votes were taken today. (Total—132) Pages S6218, S6219

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6241.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing competitiveness in a high-tech era, focusing on current challenges that confront American manufacturers, how manufacturers have responded to these challenges, discuss how recent technological innovations have impacted the manufacturing industry, and explore what government should do to help American manufacturers remain competitive in today's global economy, after receiving testimony from Albert A. Frink, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services of the International Trade Administration; G. Wayne Clough, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Sebastian Murray, FPI Thermoplastic Technologies, Morristown, New Jersey; and Thomas R. Howell, Dewey Ballantine, LLP, Washington, D.C.

DISASTER PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction concluded a hearing to examine research and development to protect America's communities from disaster, focusing on National Institute of Standards and Technology recent World Trade Center report, as well as computer security, and chemical, biological, radiological detection standards, National Science Foundation scientific research in areas such as computer security and data mining, and NOAA's

work developing atmospheric models to aid in prediction of the transport and dispersion of chemical and biological releases, including the hazards alert system, after receiving testimony from Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, and Conrad Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse";

S. 260, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, with an amendment;

S. 864, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 865, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 858, to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1017, to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, and;

S. 1140, to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge".

LAND CONSERVATION TAX POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals to reform the tax code relating to land conservation, focusing on legal requirements for deductions for conservation easements, and governance, accountability, and transparency reforms, receiving testimony from Jonathan Selib, Tax Counsel, and Dean Zerbe, Tax Counsel and Senior Counsel to the Chairman, both of the Committee on Finance; Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of the Interior; Steven T. Miller, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Burnet R. Maybank, III, South Carolina Department of Revenue, Columbia; Steven J. McCormick, Nature